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FROM QUINLAN MUSCAT

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SUBJECT: DHOFAR CIVIL DEVELOPMENT

1. SEVENTY- MAN BRITISH ROYAL ENGINEER SQUADRON ON THREE MONTH MISSION TO CARRY OUT PROJECTS FOLLOWING LOCATIONS: SALALAH, MANSTON, WHITE CITY, JIBAT, ARZAT, MARBAT, AND RAIZUT. WILL CONSTRUCT AIRSTRIPS, WATER PIPING AND STORAGE, WATER PUMPS, CLINCIS AND SCHOOLS, VILLAGE ELECTRICITY, AGRICULTURAL LAND DRAINAGE, IMPROVED ROAD BETWEEN MIDWAY AND JIBJAT, IRRIGATION PIPELINES, AND SURVEYS NEW ROADS AND SEA APPROACHES;

2. BASIC MISSION IS TECHNICAL ADVICE AND SUPERVISION WITH OMANI (AND PROBABLY INDIAN) UNSKILLED LABOR. HOPE IS THAT IMPROVEMENTS WILL HAVE IMMEDIATE PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT AND THAT LOCAL AUTHORITIES WILL HAVE MOTIVATION TO CARRY ON WITH FURTHER DEVELOPMENT.

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3. DEFENSE SECRETARY OLDMAN TELLS ME ALSO THAT MOTORABLE ROAD BEING CONSTRUCTED FROM THAMARIT (MIDWAY) TO SHALIM, ABOUT 50 - 60 KILOMETERS NORTH OF MARBAT, WITH SPUR TO WHITE CITY AND JIBJAT. AS EASTERN SECTOR IS FURTHER CLEARED OF REBELS MORE THOUGHT IS BEING GIVEN TO RE- OPENING EXISTING ROAD FORM THAMARIT DOWN THROUGH MOUNTAINS TO SALLAH BUT IT IS NOW CONSIDERED THIS WOULD TIE DOWN TOO MANY GUARD TROOPS.

4. GOVERNMENT HAS JUST ANNOUNCED AWARD OF DESIGN CONTRACT TO SIR WILLIAM HALCROW FIRM FOR L8 MILLION DEVELOPMENT WORK ON SALALAH CITY CENTER, INCLUDING SCHOOLS, HOSPITAL, AIRPORT, ROADS, AS WELL AS WATER AND AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY.
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